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REMARKS

The Examiner has noted that pages 38 and 42 are blank. No material is missing from the application; those pages were left blank in error. Should the Examiner wish, applicant will submit renumbered specification pages for pages 38 to the end.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 4 and 8 as being unpatentable over Heller US 3,399,173. Applicant has amended claim 1 to obviate the rejection and requests the Examiner to reconsider. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the conditional allowance of the remaining claims and with this amendment, believes all the claims are now in condition for allowance.

end of remarks